Rotor Spectra, Berry Phases, and Monopole Fields: From Antiferromagnets to QCD

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The Hubbard model on the honeycomb lattice



Local charge and spin operators

$$Q_x = c_x^{\dagger} c_x - 1, \quad ec{S}_x = c_x^{\dagger} \; rac{ec{\sigma}}{2} \; c_x, \quad [S_x^a, S_y^b] = i \delta_{xy} arepsilon_{abc} S_x^c$$

 $U(1)_Q$ and $SU(2)_s$ symmetries

$$Q = \sum_{x} Q_{x}, \quad \vec{S} = \sum_{x} \vec{S}_{x}, \quad [H, Q] = [H, \vec{S}] = 0$$

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Unbroken $SU(2)_s$ symmetric phase (graphene) at $U < U_c$



Brillouin zone

Dispersion relation

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Effective Dirac Lagrangian for free graphene

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{\substack{f=\alpha,\beta\\s=+,-}} \overline{\psi}_{s}^{f} \gamma_{\mu} \partial_{\mu} \psi_{s}^{f}$$

The *t*-*J* model for the antiferromagnetic $SU(2)_s$ broken symmetry phase (Ni_xCoO₂) at $U \gg U_c$

$$H = P \bigg\{ -t \sum_{\langle xy \rangle} (c_x^{\dagger} c_y + c_y^{\dagger} c_x) + J \sum_{\langle xy \rangle} \vec{S}_x \cdot \vec{S}_y \bigg\} P.$$

reduces to the Heisenberg model at half-filling

$$H = J \sum_{\langle xy \rangle} \vec{S}_x \cdot \vec{S}_y$$

Effective Goldstone boson field in $SU(2)/U(1) = S^2$

$$\vec{e}(x) = (e_1(x), e_2(x), e_3(x)), \qquad \vec{e}(x)^2 = 1$$

Low-energy effective action for magnons

$$S[\vec{e}] = \int d^2x \ dt \ \frac{\rho_s}{2} \left(\partial_i \vec{e} \cdot \partial_i \vec{e} + \frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t \vec{e} \cdot \partial_t \vec{e} \right)$$

Fit to predictions in the ε -regime of magnon chiral perturbation theory with $\beta c \approx L$, $I = (\beta c/L)^{1/3}$

$$\chi_{s} = \frac{\mathcal{M}_{s}^{2} L^{2} \beta}{3} \left\{ 1 + 2 \frac{c}{\rho_{s} L l} \beta_{1}(l) + \left(\frac{c}{\rho_{s} L l}\right)^{2} \left[\beta_{1}(l)^{2} + 3\beta_{2}(l)\right] \right\}$$

$$\chi_{u} = \frac{2\rho_{s}}{3c^{2}} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{3} \frac{c}{\rho_{s} L l} \widetilde{\beta}_{1}(l) + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{c}{\rho_{s} L l} \right)^{2} \left[\widetilde{\beta}_{2}(l) - \frac{1}{3} \widetilde{\beta}_{1}(l)^{2} - 6\psi(l) \right] \right\}$$



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Effective Lagrange function in the δ -regime of magnon chiral perturbation theory with $\beta c \gg L$

$$\mathcal{L} = \int d^2 x \; \frac{\rho_s}{2} \left(\partial_i \vec{e} \cdot \partial_i \vec{e} + \frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t \vec{e} \cdot \partial_t \vec{e} \right) = \frac{\Theta}{2} \partial_t \vec{e} \cdot \partial_t \vec{e}$$

Moment of inertia

$$\Theta = \frac{\rho_s L^2}{c^2} \left[1 + \frac{3.900265}{4\pi} \frac{c}{\rho_s L} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{L^2}\right) \right]$$

P. Hasenfratz and F. Niedermayer, Z. Phys. B92 (1993) 91



Spherical coordinates for the staggered magnetization

$$\vec{e} = (\sin \theta \cos \varphi, \sin \theta \sin \varphi, \cos \theta)$$

Effective Lagrange function

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\Theta}{2} \partial_t \vec{e} \cdot \partial_t \vec{e} = \frac{\Theta}{2} \left[(\partial_t \theta)^2 + \sin^2 \theta (\partial_t \varphi)^2 \right]$$

Canonically conjugate momenta

$$p_{\theta} = rac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \partial_t \theta} = \Theta \ \partial_t \theta, \ p_{\varphi} = rac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \partial_t \varphi} = \Theta \ \sin^2 \theta \ \partial_t \varphi$$

Quantum mechanical rotor Hamiltonian

$$H = -\frac{1}{2\Theta} \left(\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \partial_{\theta} [\sin \theta \partial_{\theta}] + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \partial_{\varphi}^2 \right) = \frac{\vec{S}^2}{2\Theta}$$

Rotor spectrum

$$E_S = \frac{S(S+1)}{2\Theta}$$

Probability distribution of magnetization $M^3 = S^3$

$$p(M^3) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{S \ge |M^3|} \exp(-\beta E_S), \quad Z = \sum_{S=0}^{\infty} (2S+1) \exp(-\beta E_S)$$

Honeycomb Lattice, 836 Spins, $\beta J = 60$



Perfect agreement without additional adjustable parameters

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Hole dispersion in the t-J model



Effective Lagrangian for Holes

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{\substack{f=\alpha,\beta\\s=+,-}} \left[M \psi_s^{f\dagger} \psi_s^f + \psi_s^{f\dagger} D_t \psi_s^f + \frac{1}{2M'} D_i \psi_s^{f\dagger} D_i \psi_s^f \right]$$

Covariant derivative coupling to composite magnon gauge field

$$D_{\mu}\psi^{f}_{\pm}(x) = \left[\partial_{\mu} \pm i v^{3}_{\mu}(x)\right]\psi^{f}_{\pm}(x)$$

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Effective Lagrange function for quantum mechanical rotor

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\Theta}{2} \partial_t \vec{e} \cdot \partial_t \vec{e} + \sum_{f=\alpha,\beta} \Psi^{f\dagger} \left[E(\vec{p}) - i\partial_t + v_t^3 \sigma_3 \right] \Psi^f, \Psi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_+^f(t) \\ \psi_-^f(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

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Spherical coordinates for the staggered magnetization

$$\vec{e} = (\sin\theta\cos\varphi, \sin\theta\sin\varphi, \cos\theta) \Rightarrow v_t^3 = \sin^2\frac{\theta}{2}\partial_t\varphi$$

Canonically conjugate momenta

$$\Theta \ \partial_t \theta = p_{\theta}, \quad \Theta \ \partial_t \varphi = \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} (p_{\varphi} + iA_{\varphi})$$

Abelian monopole Berry gauge field

$$A_{\theta} = 0, \quad A_{\varphi} = i \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \sigma_3, \quad F_{\theta\varphi} = \partial_{\theta} A_{\varphi} - \partial_{\varphi} A_{\theta} = \frac{i}{2} \sin \theta \ \sigma_3$$

Rotor Hamiltonian in the single-hole sector

$$H = -\frac{1}{2\Theta} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \partial_{\theta} [\sin \theta \partial_{\theta}] + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} (\partial_{\varphi} - A_{\varphi})^2 \right\} + E(\vec{p})$$
$$= \frac{1}{2\Theta} \left(\vec{J}^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right) + E(\vec{p})$$

Angular momentum operators

$$J_{\pm} = \exp(\pm i\varphi) \left(\pm \partial_{\theta} + i\cot\theta \ \partial_{\varphi} - \frac{1}{2}\tan\frac{\theta}{2}\sigma_3 \right), \quad J_3 = -i\partial_{\varphi} - \frac{\sigma_3}{2}$$

Energy spectrum

$$E_j = rac{1}{2\Theta}\left[j(j+1) - rac{1}{4}
ight] + E(ec{p}), \quad j \in \{rac{1}{2}, rac{3}{2}, rac{5}{2}, ...\}$$

Wave functions are monopole harmonics

$$Y_{\frac{1}{2},\pm\frac{1}{2}}^{\pm}(\theta,\varphi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \exp(\pm i\varphi), \quad Y_{\frac{1}{2},\pm\frac{1}{2}}^{\pm}(\theta,\varphi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2}$$

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Rotor Lagrange function in massless $N_f = 2$ QCD

$$\mathcal{L} = \int d^3x \; \frac{F_\pi^2}{4} \mathrm{Tr} \left[\partial_\mu U^{\dagger} \partial_\mu U \right] = \frac{\Theta}{4} \mathrm{Tr} \left[\partial_t U^{\dagger} \partial_t U \right], \quad \Theta = F_\pi^2 L^3$$

Rotor spectrum

$$E_{l} = \frac{j_{L}(j_{L}+1) + j_{R}(j_{R}+1)}{\Theta} = \frac{l(l+2)}{2\Theta}$$

Rotor quantum numbers

$$j_L = j_R, \quad l = j_L + j_R \in \{0, 1, 2, ...\}$$

Degeneracy

$$g = (2j_L + 1)(2j_R + 1) = (l + 1)^2$$

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Effective Lagrange function for quantum mechanical rotor

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\Theta}{4} \operatorname{Tr} \left[\partial_t U^{\dagger} \partial_t U \right] + \Psi^{\dagger} \left[E(\vec{p}) - i \partial_t - i v_t - i \frac{g_A}{M} (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}) a_t \right] \Psi$$

Gauge and vector fields composed of pion fields $U = u^2$

$$v_t = \frac{1}{2} \left(u \partial_t u^{\dagger} + u^{\dagger} \partial_t u \right), \quad a_t = \frac{1}{2i} \left(u \partial_t u^{\dagger} - u^{\dagger} \partial_t u \right)$$

Spherical coordinates for the pion field

$$U = \cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha \vec{e}_{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\tau}, \quad \vec{e}_{\alpha} = (\sin \theta \cos \varphi, \sin \theta \sin \varphi, \cos \theta), \\ \vec{e}_{\theta} = (\cos \theta \cos \varphi, \cos \theta \sin \varphi, -\sin \theta), \quad \vec{e}_{\varphi} = (-\sin \varphi, \cos \varphi, 0)$$

Concrete form of gauge and vector fields

$$v_{t} = i \sin^{2} \frac{\alpha}{2} \left(\partial_{t} \theta \ \vec{e}_{\varphi} - \sin \theta \ \partial_{t} \varphi \ \vec{e}_{\theta} \right) \cdot \vec{\tau},$$
$$a_{t} = \left(\frac{\partial_{t} \alpha}{2} \vec{e}_{\alpha} + \sin \alpha \frac{\partial_{t} \theta}{2} \vec{e}_{\theta} + \sin \alpha \sin \theta \frac{\partial_{t} \varphi}{2} \vec{e}_{\varphi} \right) \cdot \vec{\tau}$$

Rotor Hamiltonian in the single-nucleon sector

$$H = E(\vec{p}) - \frac{1}{2\Theta} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sin^2 \alpha} (\partial_\alpha - A_\alpha) [\sin^2 \alpha (\partial_\alpha - A_\alpha)] + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \alpha \sin \theta} (\partial_\theta - A_\theta) [\sin \theta (\partial_\theta - A_\theta)] + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \alpha \sin^2 \theta} (\partial_\varphi - A_\varphi)^2 \right\}$$

Non-Abelian monopole Berry gauge field ($\Lambda = g_A |\vec{p}|/M$)

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\alpha} &= i\frac{\Lambda}{2}(\vec{\sigma}\cdot\vec{e}_{\rho})\vec{e}_{\alpha}\cdot\vec{\tau}, \ A_{\theta} = i\left(\sin^{2}\frac{\alpha}{2}\ \vec{e}_{\varphi} + \frac{\Lambda}{2}(\vec{\sigma}\cdot\vec{e}_{\rho})\sin\alpha\ \vec{e}_{\theta}\right)\cdot\vec{\tau}, \\ A_{\varphi} &= i\left(-\sin^{2}\frac{\alpha}{2}\sin\theta\ \vec{e}_{\theta} + \frac{\Lambda}{2}(\vec{\sigma}\cdot\vec{e}_{\rho})\sin\alpha\sin\theta\ \vec{e}_{\varphi}\right)\cdot\vec{\tau} \\ F_{\alpha\theta} &= \partial_{\alpha}A_{\theta} - \partial_{\theta}A_{\alpha} + [A_{\alpha},A_{\theta}] = i\frac{1-\Lambda^{2}}{2}\sin\alpha\ \vec{e}_{\varphi}\cdot\vec{\tau}, \\ F_{\theta\varphi} &= \partial_{\theta}A_{\varphi} - \partial_{\varphi}A_{\theta} + [A_{\theta},A_{\varphi}] = i\frac{1-\Lambda^{2}}{2}\sin^{2}\alpha\ \sin\theta\ \vec{e}_{\alpha}\cdot\vec{\tau}, \\ F_{\varphi\alpha} &= \partial_{\varphi}A_{\alpha} - \partial_{\alpha}A_{\varphi} + [A_{\varphi},A_{\alpha}] = i\frac{1-\Lambda^{2}}{2}\sin\alpha\ \sin\theta\ \vec{e}_{\theta}\cdot\vec{\tau} \end{aligned}$$

Rotor Hamiltonian with $\Lambda = g_A |\vec{p}| / M$

$$\begin{split} H &= \frac{1}{2\Theta} \left(\vec{J}^2 + \vec{K}^2 - \frac{3}{4} \right) + \frac{1}{2\Theta} \left(\Lambda C + \frac{3}{4} \Lambda^2 \right), \\ C &= i (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{e}_p) \left(\vec{e}_\alpha \partial_\alpha + \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \vec{e}_\theta \partial_\theta + \frac{1}{\sin \alpha \sin \theta} \vec{e}_\varphi \partial_\varphi - \tan \frac{\alpha}{2} \vec{e}_\alpha \right) \cdot \vec{\tau} \end{split}$$

commutes with chiral rotations

$$\vec{J}_L = \frac{1}{2} \left(\vec{J} - \vec{K} \right), \quad \vec{J}_R = \frac{1}{2} \left(\vec{J} + \vec{K} \right), \quad C^2 = \vec{J}^2 + \vec{K}^2 + \frac{3}{4}$$

Energy spectrum

$$E_j = rac{1}{2\Theta} \left[j'(j'+2) + rac{\Lambda^2 - 1}{2}
ight] + E(ec{
ho}), \quad j' = j \pm rac{\Lambda}{2}$$

Rotor quantum numbers and degeneracies

$$j_{L} = j_{R} \pm \frac{1}{2}, \quad j = j_{L} + j_{R} \in \left\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}, \dots\right\}, \quad g = 2\left(j + \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(j + \frac{3}{2}\right)$$

Rotor Spectrum as a function of $\Lambda = g_A |\vec{p}|/M$



Remarkably, for $\Lambda = \pm 1$ the non-Abelian field strength vanishes and $E_j(\pm 1) = \frac{1}{2\Theta}j'(j'+2)$ with $j' = j \pm \frac{1}{2}$. The QCD rotor spectrum then looks like the one of in the vacuum sector, although the system now has baryon number one.

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- There are intriguing analogies between antiferromagnets and QCD.
- Fermions have characteristic effects on the rotor spectrum.
- The rotor problem tests the effective theory nonperturbatively.
- Perturbative matching of Λ to the infinite volume effective theory is necessary before g_A could be extracted from the rotor level splitting.

Interesting related work

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